

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1, 2, 7, 8, and 18 and amend claims 3, 5, 19, and 20 as follows:

1. (Cancelled)

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3. (Currently Amended) [The garage door bottom seal retainer as set forth in claim 1,] A garage door bottom seal retainer for securing a seal to a bottom surface of a garage door, the retainer comprising:

an exterior tension member having an exterior bend adapted to allow the exterior tension member to mate with and to apply tension to the bottom surface of the garage door;

an interior tension member having an interior bend spaced from the exterior bend and adapted to allow the interior tension member to mate with and to apply tension to the bottom surface of the garage door in an opposite direction of the exterior tension member, thereby [securing] adapted to secure the retainer to the bottom surface of the garage door;

a seal cavity between the tension members and the bends adapted to slidably receive and to support the seal; and

wherein the exterior tension member [including] includes an exterior gripping edge at an end of the tension member distal to the seal, wherein the gripping edge is adapted to seat upon a shelf of the bottom surface of the garage door.

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2/11 4. (Originally Filed) The garage door bottom seal retainer as set forth in claim 3, the exterior gripping edge running the entire length of the exterior tension member.

3 5. (Currently Amended) [The garage door bottom seal retainer as set forth in claim 1,] A garage door bottom seal retainer for securing a seal to a bottom surface of a garage door, the retainer comprising:

an exterior tension member having an exterior bend adapted to allow the exterior tension member to mate with and to apply tension to the bottom surface of the garage door;

an interior tension member having an interior bend spaced from the exterior bend and adapted to allow the interior tension member to mate with and to apply tension to the bottom surface of the garage door in an opposite direction of the exterior tension member, thereby [securing] adapted to secure the retainer to the bottom surface of the garage door;

a seal cavity between the tension members and the bends adapted to slidably receive and to support the seal; and

wherein the interior tension member [including] includes an interior gripping edge at an end of the tension member distal to the seal, wherein the gripping edge is adapted to seat upon a shelf of the bottom surface of the garage door.

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~~5~~ 9. (Previously Amended) A garage door bottom seal retainer for securing a seal to a bottom surface of a garage door, the retainer comprising:

an exterior tension member running substantially the entire length of the retainer and having an exterior bend adapted to allow the exterior tension member to mate with and to apply tension to the bottom surface of the garage door;

an exterior gripping edge at an end of the exterior tension member distal to the seal, wherein the exterior gripping edge is adapted to seat upon an exterior shelf of the bottom surface of the garage door;

an interior tension member running substantially the entire length of the retainer and having an interior bend spaced from the exterior bend and adapted to allow the interior tension member to mate with and to apply tension to the bottom surface of the garage door in an opposite direction of the exterior tension member, thereby adapted to secure the retainer to the bottom surface of the garage door;

an interior gripping edge at an end of the interior tension member distal to the seal, wherein the interior gripping edge is adapted to seat upon an interior shelf of the bottom surface of the garage door; and

a seal cavity between the tension members and the bends adapted to slidably receive and to support a seal.

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~~6/5~~ 10. (Originally Filed) The garage door bottom seal retainer as set forth in claim 9, the retainer being between five and twenty feet long.

~~7/5~~ 11. (Originally Filed) The garage door bottom seal retainer as set forth in claim 9, the exterior gripping edge running the entire length of the exterior tension member.

~~8/5~~ 12. (Originally Filed) The garage door bottom seal retainer as set forth in claim 9, the interior gripping edge running the entire length of the interior tension member.

~~9/5~~ 13. (Originally Filed) The garage door bottom seal retainer as set forth in claim 9, the seal cavity being offset toward the exterior tension member.

~~10/5~~ 14. (Originally Filed) The garage door bottom seal retainer as set forth in claim 9, the retainer constructed of a material selected from the group consisting of steel, plastic, aluminum, tin, copper, brass, and stainless steel.

~~11/5~~ 15. (Previously Amended) A garage door bottom seal retainer approximately eight feet long for securing a seal to a bottom surface of a garage door, the retainer comprising:

an exterior tension member having an exterior bend adapted to allow the exterior tension member to mate with and to apply tension to the bottom surface of the garage door, wherein the tension member extends approximately one-half inch beyond the bend;

an exterior gripping edge running the entire length of the exterior tension

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member extending approximately one-fourth inch beyond an end of the tension member distal to the seal, wherein the exterior gripping edge is adapted to seat upon an exterior shelf of the bottom surface of the garage door;

an interior tension member having an interior bend spaced from the exterior bend, wherein the interior tension member extends approximately one-half inch beyond the interior bend and the interior bend is adapted to allow the interior tension member to mate with and to apply tension to the bottom surface of the garage door in an opposite direction of the exterior tension member, thereby adapted to secure the retainer to the bottom surface of the garage door;

an interior gripping edge running the entire length of the interior tension member extending approximately one-fourth inch beyond an end of the tension member distal to the seal, wherein the interior gripping edge is adapted to seat upon an interior shelf of the bottom surface of the garage door; and

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a seal cavity approximately one-fourth inch high and one-fourth inch wide, the cavity located between the tension members and the bends and offset toward the exterior tension member, wherein the cavity is adapted to slidably receive and to support a seal.

12 13. (Originally Filed) The garage door bottom seal retainer as set forth in claim 15, the retainer being between five and twenty feet long.

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~~13~~ 17. (Originally Filed) The garage door bottom seal retainer as set forth in claim 15, the retainer constructed of a material selected from the group consisting of steel, plastic, aluminum, tin, copper, brass, and stainless steel.

[18. (Cancelled)

~~14~~ 19. (Currently Amended) [The garage door as set forth in claim 18,] A
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a plurality of articulating panels, one of the panels having a bottom surface including -

an exterior lip extending downwardly from the bottom surface, and

an interior lip extending downwardly from the bottom surface;

a seal retainer attached to the bottom surface, the retainer comprising,

an exterior tension member having an exterior bend adapted to allow the exterior tension member to mate with and to apply tension to the exterior lip of the bottom surface,

an interior tension member having an interior bend spaced from the exterior bend and adapted to allow the interior tension member to mate with and to apply tension to the interior lip of the bottom surface in an opposite direction of the exterior tension member, thereby securing the retainer to the bottom surface of the garage door, and

a seal cavity between the tension members and the bends;

a seal attached to the retainer, the seal comprising,

a cylindrical cushion for sealing the door to a floor, and

a retaining member adapted to be slid down the seal cavity.

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thereby mating the seal to the retainer; and
wherein the exterior tension member [including] includes an exterior gripping
edge at an end of the tension member distal to the seal, wherein the
gripping edge is adapted to seat upon a shelf of the exterior lip.

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~~15~~ 20. (Currently Amended) [The garage door as set forth in claim 18,] A
garage door comprising:

a plurality of articulating panels, one of the panels having a bottom
surface including -

an exterior lip extending downwardly from the bottom surface, and

an interior lip extending downwardly from the bottom surface;

a seal retainer attached to the bottom surface, the retainer comprising,

an exterior tension member having an exterior bend adapted to allow
the exterior tension member to mate with and to apply tension
to the exterior lip of the bottom surface,

an interior tension member having an interior bend spaced from the
exterior bend and adapted to allow the interior tension member
to mate with and to apply tension to the interior lip of the
bottom surface in an opposite direction of the exterior tension
member, thereby securing the retainer to the bottom surface
of the garage door, and

a seal cavity between the tension members and the bends;

a seal attached to the retainer, the seal comprising,

a cylindrical cushion for sealing the door to a floor, and

a retaining member adapted to be slid down the seal cavity,

thereby mating the seal to the retainer; and

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wherein the interior tension member [including] includes an interior gripping edge at an end of the tension member distal to the seal, wherein the gripping edge is adapted to seat upon a shelf of the interior lip.



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